

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	St. Bernard	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	13.1%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	17.1%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	5.8%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,866	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	93.4%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	5.2%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	10.6	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	89.7%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	79.9%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	9.5%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	12.7%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	193.4	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	96.7	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	2.9*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	283.1	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	242.7	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	43.4	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	67.4	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	49.4	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	41.9	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	26.9	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	3.1	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 1	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	19.2%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	26.9%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	77.0%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	86.0%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	66.1%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Created on March 31, 1807, St. Bernard was once called “Terre aux Boeufs” because it was the last refuge of the country’s wild oxen. The first settlers established plantations in St. Bernard in 1720. Under the Spanish rule, Canary islanders, called “Islenos,” were among the first to arrive. It was the first parish to grow indigo and sugarcane. For 150 years before the Civil War, palatial plantation homes were built by wealthy citizens of New Orleans, among them Galvez, the conqueror of the British at Baton Rouge and Pensacola. Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British under General Pakenham at the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815, 15 days after the conclusion of the peace treaty between Britain and the United States. This battle was fought on the “plains of Chalmette,” now a historic shrine.



Historic St. Bernard is just four miles from downtown New Orleans. Just follow Rampart Street until it becomes Highway 46 in Chalmette near the National Battlefield. It was here in 1815 that the Battle of New Orleans was fought between General Jackson’s ragtag American Army and the elite British invaders under General Pakenham. Just a short distance down Highway 46 is the ruins of the DeLaRonde Plantation, confiscated by the British and used as a hospital during the Battle of New Orleans. Also on Highway 46 are the Ducros Museum and Library and the Islenos Museum next door that depicts the history of the Islenos or Spanish Island people of St. Bernard. You can also visit the 1787 St. Bernard Cemetery.

Parish Seat³ Chalmette

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Chalmette
- Arabi
- Mereaux⁴
- Violet

Parish Population⁵

2000.....	67,229
2003 (estimate)	66,113
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	88.3%
African-American	7.6%
Some other race.....	4.1%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	5.1%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	6.3%
5-14	14.3%
15-17	4.6%
18-19	2.9%
20-24	6.3%
25-64	51.8%
65 & over	13.8%

Geography and Statistics⁶

Average elevation	5ft.
Land area in square miles	465
Water area in square miles	132.7

Climate

Average temperatures	
Annual	69°
January	63°
July	91°
Annual average rainfall	62 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁷

St. Bernard Parish	
Civilian.....	31,007
Employed	29,517
Unemployed.....	1,490
Unemployment.....	4.8%
Louisiana	
Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

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| ▪ Concordia U.
Wisconsin -New
Orleans Center | ▪ New Orleans Baptist
Theological Seminary | ▪ Tulane University |
| ▪ Delgado Community
College | ▪ Notre Dame Seminary
School of Theology | ▪ University of New
Orleans |
| ▪ Dillard University | ▪ Our Lady of Holy Cross
College | ▪ University of Phoenix,
Louisiana Campus |
| ▪ Louisiana State
University Medical
Center | ▪ Southern University
and A&M College at
New Orleans | ▪ Xavier University |
| ▪ Loyola University | | |

1. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002
2. Louisiana Office of Tourism. 1998. keywords: regional information
<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002
4. A Census Designated Place is "a densely settled concentration of population that is not within an incorporated place, but is locally identified by a name", such as Arabi, Mereaux, and Violet in St. Bernard Parish.
5. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>
6. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>
7. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary
<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>